GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3698
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
DIRECT TRAIN BETWEEN NEW DELHI-PONDICHERRY
Ramadass Prof. M

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is no direct train from Delhi to Pondicherry;

(b) whether the Government is aware that there is no Express fast train from Chennai to the neighbouring Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. However, 2651/2652 Nizamuddin-Madurai Tamil Nadu Sampark Kranti Express (bi-weekly) and 2641/2642 Nizamuddin-Kanniyakumari Tirukkural Express (weekly) have been provided with stoppage at Villupuram which is 38 kms. away from Pondicherry. 103/104 Passenger is providing direct convenient service between Chennai Egmore and Pondicherry. The proposal for introduction of slip coach service between Chennai Egmore and Pondicherry by Express train is under examination and action as found feasible and justified will be taken.